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Inventors: Brian W. Fallis, et al  
For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RESOLVING SWITCH NUMBER  
CONFLICTS IN A STACKABLE SWITCH SYSTEM**

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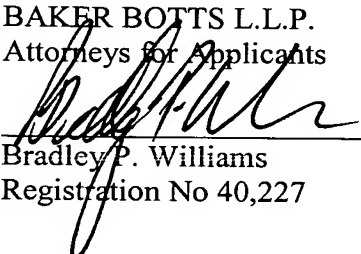
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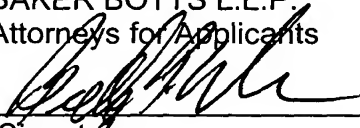
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